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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DFD-DD/P

SUBJECT : Control of CORONA/MIRAL Project Information
Within Government and Industry

1. A recommendation for your approval is contained in paragraph 3.

2. For the past several months proposals and negotiations have been proceeding rapidly relative to the development and production of the advanced, stereo camera by the Itak Corporation for utilization in a follow-on CORONA series. It is the expressed desire of the Deputy Director (Plans) and of Dr. Joseph Charyk that knowledge of the existence of this photographic capability be strictly controlled from a security point of view within industry and Government.

3. With the establishment of such control as the objective, the following procedures are recommended:

a. The development, production and utilization of the new hardware be controlled under a separate security compartment within CORONA and be known as CORONA/MIRAL.

b. Establishment of the following prerequisites for access to CORONA/MIRAL information:

(1) CORONA security clearance and CORONA security indoctrination in accordance with existing procedures.

(2) Review of need-to-know for CORONA/MIRAL as outlined in paragraph 3c of this memorandum.

(3) CORONA/MIRAL security indoctrination effected through reading of "MIRAL Security Briefing" (see attachment).

(4) Maintenance of access list of all persons indoctrinated into CORONA/MIRAL by each industrial supplier or Government component contributing to CORONA/MIRAL, with a master list being maintained by DFD Security Branch.

c. Establishment as policy the critical review of need-to-know of all persons proposed for CORONA/MIRAL access.

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requiring: (1) a clear showing of direct contribution to CORONA/MIRAL effort or (2) a clear showing that denial of CORONA/MIRAL access would work to the extreme prejudice of the U. S. Government. The review of need-to-know would be accomplished by the following offices as appropriate.

(1) All industrial and U. S. Government excluding USAF general, but including USAF/ISS: Project Security Officer who, where appropriate, will coordinate with Chief, Development Branch or other Agency officials.

(2) USAF general: Maj. Henry Howard, USAF/MSS, who will effect such internal USAF coordinations as are necessary.

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Chief, Security Branch
DPD-DD/P

Recommendation in Paragraph 3 is APPROVED:

(Signed) Stanley W. Beerli

2 DEC 1951

STANLEY W. BEERLI
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Attachment:

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MURAL SECURITY BRIEFING

This briefing pertains to a TOP SECRET activity known as MURAL, a security compartmentation within Project CORONA. The word MURAL is classified SECRET in this context.

CORONA security clearance and security briefing are prerequisites for access to MURAL information, however, CORONA clearance itself does not permit access to MURAL.

The MURAL program is a follow-on operational series to the CORONA program, distinct from CORONA by the more sophisticated stereo photographic capability. The DISCOVERER series continues as cover for CORONA and MURAL.

Existence of the sophisticated photographic equipment constitutes the essential sensitive factor of CORONA/MURAL.

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